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Re: **D.T.E. 97-88/97-18 (Phase II) – Motion For Further Extension Of Time To File Comments**

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing is a "Motion For Further Extension Of Time To File Comments" from the New England Public Communications Council, Inc.

An extra copy of the Motion is enclosed to be stamped "filed" or "received" and returned in the enclosed envelope.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul C. Besozzi", written over the typed name and initials.

Paul C. Besozzi
PCB/tc

Enclosures

cc: Service List

**Before the
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

Investigation by the Department of
Telecommunications and Energy on its
own motion regarding (1) implementation
of Section 276 of the Telecommunications
Act of 1996 relative to Public Interest
Payphones, (2) Entry and Exit Barriers
for the Payphone Marketplace, (3) New
England Telephone and Telegraph
Company d/b/a NYNEX's Public Access
Smart-Pay Line Service, and (4) the rate
policy for operator service providers.

D.P.U./D.T.E. 97-88/97-18 (Phase II)

Motion For Further Extension Of Time To File Comments

On February 21, 2003, the Hearing Officer issued a Memorandum requesting, among other things, that (a) Verizon-Massachusetts ("Verizon") file certain proposed revised PAL and PASL rates on March 3, 2003 and (b) that the New England Public Communications Council, Inc. ("NEPCC") and other interested parties file initial comments on two questions raised in the memorandum by March 14, 2003; reply comments were to be due by March 21, 2003. Pursuant to a Motion granted by the Hearing Officer on March 5, 2003, those dates were extended to March 31, 2003 and April 14, 2003, respectively.

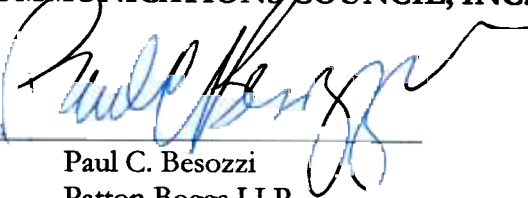
In accordance with Section 1.02(5) of the Department's Procedural Rules, 220 CMR Section 102(5), the NEPCC, with the assent of Verizon as reflected below, hereby respectfully moves that the deadlines for filing comments be further extended to Monday, April 14, 2003 and Monday, April 28, 2003, respectively. The purpose of this further extension is to permit the NEPCC and Verizon to explore the possibility of a negotiated resolution of the remaining issues in this proceeding, which

resolution could be then recommended to the Department for its approval. In light of the extensive time and resources already expended in this proceeding to date, this additional time is warranted because it could save additional resources of the parties and the Department in resolving the remaining issues. Counsel for Verizon has assented to this Motion as reflected below. The undersigned counsel are not aware of any objections that might be raised by any other interested party to the further proposed extension.

WHEREFORE, the NEPCC, with the assent of Verizon, respectfully moves that the time to file comments in accordance with the Memorandum be extended to Monday, April 14, 2003 for initial comments and Monday, April 28, 2003 for reply comments.

Respectfully submitted,

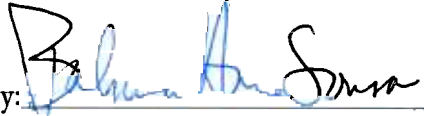

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Paul C. Besozzi, hereby certify that I have this 20th day of March, 2003, served a copy of the foregoing **"Motion For Extension Of Time To File Comments"** in MDTE Docket D.P.U./D.T.E. 97-88/97-18 (Phase II), upon the following parties by electronic and first class mail or overnight courier:

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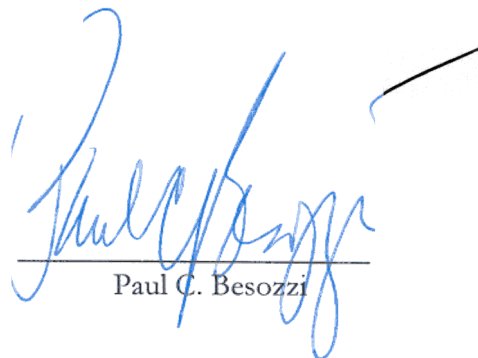
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